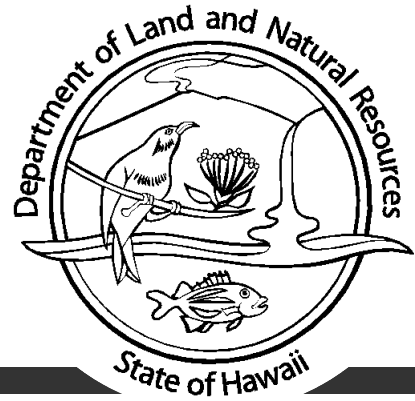


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ARCHAEOLOGY BUFFS INVITED TO EXPLORE KAWAINUI MARSH, DIAMOND HEAD THIS WEEKEND

In celebration of Hawai'i Archaeology Week 2000, professional archaeologists invite the public to explore the past through two free field trips this holiday weekend at Kawainui Marsh and Diamond Head on O'ahu.

On Good Friday, April 21, the Hawai'i Army National Guard offers a rare opportunity to visit two military fortifications at Diamond Head crater that were built as part of the coastal defense system of southeastern O'ahu. Guns at Battery Harlow (1906) and Battery 407 (1943) were aimed to fire from Diamond Head at ships offshore. Persons interested in going on the two-hour tour should meet at 10 a.m. at Battery Harlow, near the intersection of Makapu'u and Monsarrat Avenues. For information and reservations call Wendy Tolleson at 733-4272 or Debbie McKinney at 733-4267.

On Saturday, April 22, Conrad Erkelens, archaeologist and natural and cultural resources manager for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, will lead a tour of archaeological sites of Kawainui Marsh in Kailua. Kawainui Marsh was once a 400-acre fishpond which supported a large population residing in the chiefly center of Kailua. The three-hour tour starts at 9 a.m. at Ulupo Heiau by the Windward YMCA. Ulupo Heiau is one of three known heiau at Kawainui, figures in legends of the menehune, and is associated with a number of prominent chiefs of Hawai'i. The 1/4 mile tour will also visit a konohiki (chiefly administrator) housesite and archaeological sites of Kukanono, an ili or land division of Kailua. Comfortable walking shoes and mosquito repellent are recommended. For information contact Muffet Jourdane, 692-8027.

Hawai'i Archaeology Week is a program of lectures, fieldtrips and excavations offered statewide to heighten public awareness and understanding about archaeology and the protection of Hawai'i's unique cultural resources. (A schedule of events can be viewed online at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dsp/dsp.html>)

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